

ROLLING HILLS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

Eid Mubarak!

For those who are here in Kingdom the weather has managed to hold and the course has remained in great condition. While many of our members are OOK we had more than 100 participants come out for the Anniversary Tournament which was a great success.

As we look to the summer we only have a few medals and an Eid Eclectic but the club is still working hard behind the scenes to upgrade the clubhouse, manage the course, and prepare for what will be a very busy fall here at Rolling Hills.

If you are here this summer it is a great opportunity to get out there and work on your game. Enjoy

Hit em' straight
-Ed Devlin



From the Pro

Stuart will be running the next "Golf in a Week" class starting on Sunday, July 22nd. Classes are an hour each day beginning at 7:00 pm. This is a 5 consecutive day course aimed at beginner and intermediate golfers. It covers all aspects of the game: Safety, Rules, Etiquette, Swing Method, and an on course Texas scramble. All equipment and range balls are supplied. The cost is 600 SAR. Please sign up in the Pro Shop.

Stuart offers a ladies' only class each Thursday morning from 9:00 -10:00. All equipment is supplied and there is free coffee on arrival. It is ideal for either the beginner or intermediate golfer as it covers all the skills to get one out on the course! The cost is 90 SAR per person per class.

Junior Tour Schools will run each week in July commencing Sunday July 1st. Each Junior Tour school starts on Sunday runs for 5 consecutive days. The classes are from 8:00am — 9:00 daily. The schools will cover rules, etiquette, and golf swing mechanics. All equipment and range balls are supplied. The cost is 400SR.

Individual Lessons can be taken any day at times convenient — check out the website for more information on lesson prices www.arabiangolf.net.

July 5th — Ladies' Classes Continues

July 22nd — Golf in a Week

All July — Junior Tour Schools

To register, you may contact Stuart via email at:

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Upcoming Tournament Information

Bi-Monthly Medal

The Bi-Monthly Medal is an Open Play event for Friday **July 13th** or Saturday **July 14th**. Sign up online, then book your own tee times to play with whomever you wish. ForeTees is already open for registration.

Bi-Monthly Stableford

The Bi-Monthly Stableford is an Open Play event for Friday **August 10th** or Saturday **August 11th**. Sign up online, then book your own tee times to play with whomever you wish. ForeTees is already open for registration.

Eid Eclectic

This year's Eid al Adha Eclectic will occur during Thursday, August 20th through to Tuesday, August 25th. Golfers can play a maximum of 6 rounds. Golfers must declare to their playing partners before they begin the round that it will be a tournament round that will count towards the Eclectic Score. Golfers should have their playing partner initial the round once the round is completed. The round must be recorded on the tournament scorecard. Each day will be represented on the card. You must record the score for that day in the appropriate location. For a round to count towards your eclectic score, you must complete at least 14 of 18 holes of the round.

Sign-up on ForeTees is now open.

The [2018 Tournament Calendar](#) is available on the RHGC's website.

July 13th & 14th — Bi-Monthly Medal

August 10th & 11th — Bi-Monthly Stableford

August 20th – August 25th — Eid Eclectic



Ask Carl

- Q: When is the second part of the Oasis Cup planned? I am interested in going and playing at the Dirab course.
- A: There has been no firm date set yet but organizers are looking at October for cooler temperatures.
- Q: My husband and I just moved to Dhahran. I would like to find out about any special golfing events for women. Who should I contact?
- A: There are lots of opportunities for ladies to golf. For more information, please contact Kerri Wethington (bkwethington@yahoo.com) or Janice Lim Anderson (jlanderson@twosl.com).

If you would like Carl to answer a question, please email a Board member and they will make sure Carl gets it. Which is nice.

Handicap Corner

Please contact the [Handicap Director](mailto:handicaps@arabiangolf.net) (handicaps@arabiangolf.net) if you have any questions.

A “handicap allowance” is the percentage of a Course Handicap™ recommended for use in a handicapped competition. The percentage used is determined by the Committee in charge of a competition, and may vary based on the format of play.

Some may not be too familiar with the concept of handicap allowances because they play in individual events in which the full Course Handicap is recommended. Allowances are typically utilized in team events in which one player’s score may not count for the team on every hole, warranting the use of less than their full Course Handicap. Using the recommended percentage of Course Handicap brings equity to many different formats of play, providing the opportunity to run a variety of competitions for golfers of all skill and ability levels.

The purpose of the USGA Handicap System™ is to enable players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis, and allowances are an important tool in helping to accomplish equity. The USGA Handicap System offers recommended handicap allowances for a variety of competitions in Section 9-4, which includes both match-play and stroke-play formats.

Why does the USGA Handicap System include recommendations for handicap allowances? Shouldn’t everything be played at 100 percent of a player’s Course Handicap? Simply stated, allowances are used frequently in team competitions in which the format is more likely to produce scores that are different than the expected score of each individual. Generally, when full Course Handicaps are used in certain team formats, players with lower Course Handicaps are at a disadvantage in their ability to contribute to the team score. Players with higher Course Handicaps typically have more variance in their scores and an increased potential to shoot lower net scores. (See Appendix E)

Allowances are used to equalize the teams with players of all handicaps, as using less than 100 percent of the Course Handicap will affect a higher handicapped player/team more than a lower handicapped player/team. For instance, if the decision is made by the committee to use a handicap allowance of 50 percent, this is going to have a larger impact on a player with a Course Handicap of 30 (15 strokes) than one who has a Course Handicap of 10 (five strokes).

While allowances are primarily used in team competitions, they are permitted for use in individual formats, as well.

Often, players are discouraged by allowances, believing they are being penalized before the round begins. This is certainly not the case. The principle of allowances is to create an even playing field and give all players the ability to compete and win. Thus, it aligns with the core purpose of the USGA Handicap System, which is to enable players of various abilities to compete on an equitable basis.

Although the allowances in Section 9-4 are recommended to produce a fair and equitable competition, the committee in charge of a competition has the discretion to determine what allowances to use for a specific event, as they do not have an impact on determining a player’s Handicap Index®.

Taken from: <https://www.usga.org>

Allowances: The What and The Why

OCTOBER 17, 2018







At the discretion of the Committee, players in team competitions may not get their full handicap allotment. (USGA/Chris Keane)

The Golf Ball

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018
Crowne Plaza, Bahrain

7PM UNTIL 2AM
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The number and value of the prizes to be awarded for the secondary draw will be dependent on the number of primary tickets sold – in the past we have had gold, iPads, iPad iPhones as secondary prizes.

No tickets will be sold for this Secondary draw. If only 5 people buy 2 tickets on the Club Car, then there will only be 5 people in the Secondary Draw. You can only get into the Secondary draw if you purchase 2 or more of the Main Draw tickets.

The Draw will be held at the Golf Ball. You do not need to be present to win.

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